

full effects of this terrible tragedy become clearer”;

Whereas pledges of assistance from all international organizations, multilateral development banks, and governments, including the United States, now exceed \$2,000,000,000; and

Whereas, on January 3, 2005, the President appointed former Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton to lead a nationwide charitable fund-raising effort to elicit greater relief and assistance to the victims of the powerful earthquake and devastating tsunami: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the powerful earthquake and devastating tsunami that struck cities, towns, and communities throughout Southeast Asia, South Asia, Eastern Africa, and the region on December 26, 2004;

(2) conveys its most sincere condolences to the families, communities, and governments of the more than 140,000 people that lost their lives in this terrible natural disaster;

(3) expresses its gratitude and respect for the courageous and committed work of all aid and relief personnel, including United States military personnel, who are saving lives and providing relief assistance in the devastated areas of the region;

(4) supports President George W. Bush's pledge of \$350,000,000 in direct financial assistance, and tens of millions of dollars in additional indirect assistance through the dispatch of United States military aircraft, naval vessels, and personnel, and through the United States Government's substantial voluntary and annual contributions to international organizations and bodies;

(5) commends the ongoing international relief effort that includes the work of individual countries, numerous international organizations, and various relief and other nongovernmental entities;

(6) reaffirms that the United States Government is committed to providing relief and assistance in the most effective and efficient means possible, and will continue to assess, anticipate, and provide further assistance as needed in the weeks and months ahead;

(7) recognizes that the support of the United States Government will be greatly supplemented by private donations and as-

sistance from thousands of United States citizens, charitable organizations, religious groups, and corporations that routinely provide generous and significant amounts of aid, support, and volunteers; and

(8) fully supports the long-term commitment and engagement of the United States to provide financial aid and other forms of direct and indirect assistance to the countries and peoples of the region impacted by the powerful earthquake and the devastating tsunami.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1—TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTING ON JANUARY 6, 2005, OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, the sixth day of January 2005, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter “A”; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from the said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall

be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and, together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2—TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AND THE PROVISIONS OF S. CON. RES. 93 AND S. CON. RES. 94 OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH CONGRESS

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That effective from January 3, 2005, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 94 (108th Congress), to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration, is hereby continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. Effective from January 4, 2005, the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 93 (108th Congress), to authorize the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, are continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mike Catanzaro be granted the privilege of the floor for this day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CORRECTIONS TO CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95—384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), AMENDED FROM 3RD QUARTER, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2004

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Sid Ashworth:									
China	Yuan		1,547.00						1,547.00
Kyrgyzstan	Som		169.31						169.31
Azerbaijan	Manat		376.42						376.42
Malta	Lira		251.00						251.00
Morocco	Dirham		900.91						900.91
Jim Morhard:									
China	Yuan		1,547.00						1,547.00
Kyrgyzstan	Som		169.31						169.31
Azerbaijan	Manat		376.42						376.42
Malta	Lira		251.00						251.00
Morocco	Dirham		900.91						900.91
Charlie Houy:									
China	Yuan		831.00						831.00
United States	Dollar				2,549.30				2,549.30
Betsy Schmid:									
China	Yuan		1,547.00						1,547.00
Kyrgyzstan	Som		169.31						169.31
Azerbaijan	Manat		376.42						376.42
Malta	Lira		251.00						251.00
Morocco	Dirham		900.91						900.91